Region III NAAE Conference Schedule (Tentative)

**Monday June 19th, 2023**

12:00-5:00pm  Registration at the Holiday Inn Alexandria- Courtyard Room #1 & 2  
5637 Highway 29 South, Alexandria MN 56308  PHONE: (320) 763-6577

1:00-3:30pm  **9 Hole Golf Outing** - Register by calling: Geneva Golf Course  
(https://www.genevagolfclub.com/)  **Book Online or Call:**  
320-762-7089 Located: 4181 Geneva Golf Club Dr. Alexandria, MN 56308

1:30pm  **Carlos Creek Winery Tour (additional $5)**  Register on your registration form, we will meet there - Includes a 1 hour private tour  
(max 30 people) tastings are available after the tour on your own

3:30-5:00  **Big Ideas Mobile Interactive Lab:** The Mobile Learning Lab lets you explore in-demand jobs with an interactive experience! We use fully immersive virtual reality systems to introduce a variety of trades. Inside the trailer, we have 3 classrooms with simulators for welding, carpentry, and excavation. We also have TRANSFRVR, an Oculus based career exploration program that houses over 20 trades simulations. (See Attached Flyer and check out the Website:  
https://bigideasusa.org/mobile)

**Additional College Trailers (Tentative):**  
Ridgewater College has a Precision Ag trailer that has drone simulation software, along with some other precision ag components.

5:30pm  FFA Update- Courtyard Rooms 1&2

6:00pm  Social and Meal

**Tuesday June 20th, 2023**

7:00am  Breakfast meal- Served at 7am

7:45am  Presentation of Ideas Unlimited Projects

9:00am  Load Bus from Holiday Inn Alexandria

9:30-10:30 am  **Tour Country Blossom Farm, LLC**- It features an apple orchard, pumpkin patch, corn maze, u-pick strawberries, u-pick apples, u-pick raspberries, gift shop, attractions galore, and last but not least a farm to table bakery. You will love every delicious moment of your time here!
11:00 am-Noon  **Tour Oakdale Turkey Farm**- Oakdale Farms is a 6th generation turkey farm located in West Central Minnesota. Erica and Eric Sawatzke partner with Erica's dad, Dana Nelson to raise market turkeys on an antibiotic free program. Their turkeys are all hens that are raised for oven-ready use at about 14-15 pounds live weight. Oakdale produces just under 2,000,000 pounds of turkey annually.

12:00pm  Lunch (mobile)

1:30-3:30pm  **Tour Redhead Creamery**- Redhead Creamery made our first batch of cheese in 2013 and by the end of 2014 we had built and opened up our own cheese making facility right here on our family farm, Jer-Lindy Farms. But the ridiculously good cheese you taste today in our cheese shop is the culmination of years of study, trips to artisan cheese plants, funding campaigns, testing, waiting, sampling and starting over. https://redhead-creamery.myshopify.com/pages/the-creamerytasting.

4:00-5:30pm  **Tour Panther Distillery** - Founded in 2010, we are dedicated to continuing Minnesota's heritage of exceptional distilled spirits that goes back to Prohibition. With a wealth of natural resources in our backyard, we can't think of a better place to make the finest tasting whiskey and spirits than in the heart of Minnesota.

6:00pm  Dinner and Program at Gathered Oaks- State Pictures

**Return to the Hotel- Bonfire**

**Wednesday June 21st, 2023**

7:00am-7:45am  Breakfast

8:00am- Noon  Region III Business Meeting